

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108-55);

H.R. 1280, to reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, amended (H. Rept. 108-56); and

H. Res. 172, providing for consideration of H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003 (H. Rept. 108-57). Page H2702

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative La Hood to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. Page H2589

Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act: The House passed H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system by ye-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 98. Pages H2603-25

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-50) and made in order by the order of the House of April 1. Pages H2612-24

Rejected the Ose amendment No. 1 printed in the Congressional Record of April 1 that sought to strike provisions increasing the deposit insurance amount from \$100,000 to \$130,000 and indexing it to inflation; Pages H2619-24

Social Security Protection Act: The House passed H.R. 743, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections, by recorded vote of 396 yeas to 28 noes, Roll No. 102. Pages H2625-69

Rejected the Green motion to recommit the bill to the committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report it back to the House promptly with an amendment addressing the concerns of Federal, State, and local government employees about the government pension offset under title II of the Social Security Act by recorded vote of 203 yeas to 220 noes, Roll No. 101. Pages H2667-68

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108-46) was considered as adopted. Page H2634

Rejected the Green amendment in the nature of a substitute that sought to strike section 418 that requires government employees to be covered by Social Security for their last 60 months of employment in order to be exempt from the Government Pension

Offset by ye-and-nay vote of 196 yeas to 228 nays, Roll No. 100. Pages H2652-67

H. Res. 168, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Agreed to order the previous question by ye-and-nay vote of 245 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 99. Pages H2591-H2603, H2625

Recess: the House recessed at 3:03 p.m. and reconvened at 5:27 p.m. Page H2669

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appears on page H2589.

Referrals: S. 704, S. 711, S. 712, and S. 718 were referred to the Committee on Armed Services. Page H2701

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H2704-06.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three ye-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2624-25, H2625, H2666-67, H2668, and H2668-69. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress, and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on NIH. Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION AND TREASURY, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on GSA Building Cost Drivers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the

GSA: Stephen A. Perry, Administrator; and F. Joseph Moravec, Commissioner, Public Building Service; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on OPM. Testimony was heard from Kay Cole James, Director, OPM.

VA, HUD, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on EPA. Testimony was heard from Christine Todd Whitman, Administrator, EPA.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the fiscal year national defense authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force tactical weapon system acquisition programs and future technology initiatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Rear Adm. Mark P. Fitzgerald, USN, Deputy Director, Air Warfare Division, and Lt. Gen. Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), Lt. Gen. Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, and Lt. Gen. John D.W. Corley, USAF, Principal Deputy, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition), all with the Department of the Air Force; and Allen Li, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management, GAO.

MILITARY RESALE AND MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs Activities. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Charles S. Abell, Principle Deputy Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. Michael E. Zettler, USAF, Chairman, Department of Defense Commissary Operating Board, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics Headquarters U.S. Air Force; Maj. Gen. Kathryn G. Frost, USA, Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service; Rear Adm. William J. Maguire, USN, Supply Corps, U.S. Navy, Commander, Navy Exchange Service Command; Maj. Gen. Mike Wiedemer, USAF, Director, Defense Commissary Agency; and Michael P. Downs, Director, Personnel

and Family Readiness Division, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

IMPROVING EDUCATION RESULTS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Education Reform approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children With Disabilities Act of 2003.

ENERGY POLICY ACT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Continued markup of the Energy Policy Act of 2003.

RATING THE RATING AGENCIES: THE STATE OF TRANSPARENCY AND COMPETITION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Rating the Rating Agencies: the State of Transparency and Competition." Testimony was heard from Annette Nazareth, Director, Division of Market Regulations, SEC; and public witnesses.

U.S. LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA ACT

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1298, United States Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Act of 2003.

PROTECTION OF LAWFUL COMMERCE IN ARMS ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 1036, Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. Testimony was heard from public witnesses

OVERSIGHT—NONIMMIGRANT STUDENT TRACKING: IMPLEMENTATION AND PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on Nonimmigrant Student Tracking: Implementation and Proposed Modifications. Testimony was heard from Johnny N. Williams, Interim Director, Immigration Interior Enforcement, ICE, Department of Homeland Security; Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ENERGY SECURITY ACT

Committee on Resources: Approved the Energy Security Act of 2003.

EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule on H.R. 1559, making emergency wartime supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill). The rule provides that the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young of Florida, Northup, Obey, DeFazio, Waters, Scott, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Delahunt, and Emanuel.

ENERGY RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DEMONSTRATION, AND COMMERCIAL APPLICATION ACT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, and Commercial Application Act of 2003.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management held a hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines continued hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs. Testimony was heard from Representatives Sanders, Frank of Massachusetts, Manzullo, Farr, McKeon, Spratt, Kucinich, Millender-McDonald, Davis of Alabama, Pearce, McGovern, Chocoma, Hostettler, Tierney, Brown of South Carolina, DeMint, Terry, Acevedo-Vila, Ryan of Ohio, Eshoo, Grijalva, Edwards, Christensen, Maloney, Musgrave, Coble, and Davis of California.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MEDICAL REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 810, Medical Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2003.

NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Reconnaissance Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aviation and air-launched weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal on check truncation; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, and William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine health care services, 9:15 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Lino Gutierrez, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Argentina, James B. Foley, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Roland W. Bullen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 731, to prohibit fraud and related activity in connection with authentication features, S. 274, to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of